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Children learn to love reading by sharing quality books. Intended for children's librarians, media specialists, teachers, day care providers, and parents, this book will make it easy and fun to conduct book club meetings with little preparation time. Everything needed to start a weekly book club at school or at the library is included--detailed instructions for planning and conducting the meetings, book summaries, lists of discussion questions, reproducible activity sheets, and more is contained in the book. Sixteen chapters feature 45- to 60-minute book club sessions, complete with book summaries and filled with read-alouds, games, crafts, discussion questions, and activity sheets. Selected titles in the book include children's book award winners, fantasy, poetry, biography, fiction, and nonfiction--from popular classics such as "Johnny Appleseed" by Steven Kellogg, to newer titles such as "Rattlesnake Dance" by Jennifer Owings Dewey; photographs and biographies provide background information about authors and illustrators. Also discussed in the book are how to conduct meetings, notify parents, moderate discussions, acquire multiple copies of a book, work toward a book club collection, seek funds, implement registration procedures, and handle publicity. The book also includes a sample letter to parents and tips on soliciting donations, determining a suitable location for the meetings, accommodating all ages and interests, and corresponding with authors and illustrators. (NKA)

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